MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): To what is the member referring? Is it the intention of Government or the Committee's intention that the member wants to know?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): About the Education Committee's recommendation.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think I need explain that to members.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, may I know why the member has referred to that?

MR. R. M STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Because the member has referred to that in his question, so I have. (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I wish to know whether gradual handing over of departmental schools has been recommended by the Education Committee?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Under certain conditions, yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is any special reason to think that this will not be one of the schools which has to be handed over to the aided agency in the near future?

MR. R. M STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Action in such directions will be taken by Government only after mature consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): So without considering the Committee's recommendations, Government allowed some investments to be made in the matter of the Kanjirapally English School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the reason for that?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Because Government considered that a High School is necessary there.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): May I know whether any private agency came forward to take over the school for management?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am not aware.

Government Officers and Co-operative Societies.

64. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government servants are prohibited from holding offices in the Co-operative Societies in the State;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which such prohibition order was passed and the reason for passing such an order;

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(*c*) whether it is a fact that such order disabling the teachers and the subordinates in other departments from taking part in the Co-operative work in the State detrimentally affects the co-operative movement in the state;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether instances of the unsatisfactory and inefficient discharge of official duties by officers taking part in the co-operative work on account of such activities of those officers have been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether they could cite such instances?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*). These questions do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question is whether Government servants are prohibited from holding offices in the Co-operative Societies and the answer given, is 'no'. Am I to understand from the member that no orders have been issued prohibiting Government servants from holding appointments in the Co-operative Societies?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether a departmental order has been issued prohibiting Government servants from holding appointments?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That may be a departmental order or Government order. Any way, answer to this generic question is 'no'. Therefore, no further questions arise.

Building for the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Nedumangad.

*65. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is no accommodation for the Stationary Magistrate at Nedumangad to hold the Court;

(*b*) whether the construction of a new building for the court house has not been sanctioned;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, why the construction of the building is not carried out; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why the construction of a new building to locate the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Nedumangad is not sanctioned as yet?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Stationary Magistrate's Court, Nedumangad, is at present held in a portion of the Taluk Office buildings. Government are aware that the present accommodation is inadequate.

(*b*) The question of providing adequate accommodation for the court by putting up a new building is engaging the attention of Government. An estimate has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) and (*d*). These questions do not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) above.

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